GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FISH LANDING CENTRES IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of estimated economic potential of the Exclusive Economic Zone comprising in Lakshadweep, Union Territory (UT);

(b) the details of fish landing centres functioning at present in the UT and the quantum of fish produced in the said centres per annum;

(c) whether the Union Government has long term perspective plan to tap the marine resources of Lakshadweep waters, enhance fish landing centres and include creation of infrastructure, value addition and marketing; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the share for public sector and private sector investment/participation therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): It is estimated that economic fishery potential of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Lakshadweep is about one lakh tonne.

(b): It is reported that a total of 11 inhabitant islands are acting as different fish landing centres in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Island. The centre-wise average fish landing in a year as reported by the UT Administration is as below:

Sl.No.	Name of Island	Quantity in tonnes
1.	Agatti	2127
2.	Amini	210
3.	Andrott	1242
4.	Bitra	409
5.	Chetlai	342.5
6.	Kadmat	269
7	Kalpeni	523
8.	Kavaratti	1026
9.	Kiltan	740
10.	Minicoy	2115
11.	Suheli	586

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Central Marine Research Institute (CMRI) and Central Institute of Fisheries Technologies(CIFT), Cochin functioning under the control of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) have been assigned to evolve a suitable long term perspective plan in collaboration with Department of Fisheries, Lakshadweep Administration for development of fishery sector of the UT of Lakshadweep.